

NEW NIGHT PRACTICE  
ON AT CAMP HANCOCK

Ready for Big Frolic  
"Good Eats" of  
Holiday

## ON WAY HOME

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lic Ledger

CAMP MEADE, Md., Dec. 24.

"As the afternoon before Christmas all through this camp there is

activity. This is especially true

sessions occupied by the Phila-  
delphia and Pennsylvania regiments.

In boxes of good things to eat

arrived to feed the men here for a

month. There must be at least

500 boxes of candy, to say nothing

of nuts, crackers, cake, fruit and

meat and other articles, dear to the

hearts, are being moved away

as postmen to the various parts

camp by the truckloads.

The 31st, 31st and 31st Infantry

units, in the 30th Engineers, in

the 31st and 31st Field Artillery

units were piling up their

and mass hales. All these hales

decorated with Christmas trees and

mistletoe and evergreen, flags and

novelties. The odor of mince

fills the air and everybody feels

this is a good place to be—that

everybody, except those fellows who

counted on getting home, but who

were disappointed.

It is difficult to estimate that

more than 60,000 Christmas boxes will

distribute here tomorrow. The Red

Cross alone will give out 30,000 of these.

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia

units and organizations have sent

hundreds of others.

The money value of the packages

shipped here within the last week prob-

ably reaches nearly \$1,000,000. Every-

thing, the bright lights of the

season, though there was an unpleasant

outlook last night that the turkeys

had not arrived. The men have been

assured that the gobblers will be here

plenty of time to be daintily pre-

pared for the table. It is estimated that

nearly 60,000 pounds of the bird will

be consumed.

The consumption by the 314th Regi-

ment, composed of Philadelphia and

state boys, will be the biggest event

tonight. A Christmas tree sit-

ting in the middle of the camp and

which has been there for ages will be

adorned with red, white and blue

lights. There will be a caro-

lina concert by the regimental and

various companies of the 314th. At the

conclusion of the entertainment Colonel

John T. Darragh, the commander, will

make a speech and then Santa Claus

will appear. He will distribute pres-

ents to the children.

The following Philadelphians have

been discharged from various units

so as to allow them to re-enlist

immediately in the Engineers' Enlisted

Reserve Corps and to report to the Wil-

kinson Cavalry Sons of Veterans year,

McKibbin: John Geist, George Geist;

John L. Minnebach and

Charles H. W. Wentworth, of the 316th;

Michael A. McDonald, 34th Ammu-

nition Train; Benjamin Shapiro, 34th

Supply Train, and Thomas M. Fagan,

recently stationed.

**GERMAN DESERTERS ARRIVE**

Fled From Russian Front to Hol-  
land, Then America

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 24.—Two

German army deserters have arrived

here as stowaways on a Belgian relief

ship. They were turned over to the im-

migration authorities and said to

have been thirty years of age and had

escaped from the Russian front.

After remaining in Holland for two

months they decided to come to this

country. When the ship was five days

out of the harbor of Wilhelmshaven

they were captured by British forces.

Master Artisan Vorhees reported the

coming of individual Christmas trees

and the arrival of the first

strangers an insight into their

distinct service was accom-

plished.

are many other unexplored

which are eligible on the real

or on the concert stage. The

charge of the concerts

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